

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Sheriff - Coroner	(2) MEETING DATE 8/23/2016	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Ian Parkinson/781-4540	
(4) SUBJECT Request to authorize a budget adjustment in Fund Center (FC) 136 – Sheriff Coroner in the amount of \$55,000 from the Trial Court Security Growth Special Account (Government Code 30029) to purchase a transportation van and a corresponding amendment to the Fixed Asset List to include a transportation van in FC 136 – Sheriff Coroner. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that your Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Authorize a budget adjustment in FC 136 – Sheriff Coroner in the amount of \$55,000 from the Trial Court Security Growth Special Account (Government Code 30029) as the financing source and increase Other Charges appropriation by \$55,000 as the financing uses to purchase the transportation van; and,</li> <li>2. Amend the fixed asset list for the Sheriff's Office to include the van in the amount of \$55,000 by a 4/5 vote.</li> </ol>			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Trial Court Security Growth Special Account Fund (State funded)	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$55,000	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$15,200	(9) BUDGETED? No
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____ ) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____ )			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: 1617009 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A    Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Geoff O'Quest, Administrative Analyst			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Sheriff - Coroner / Ian Parkinson/781-4540

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Authorize a budget adjustment in FC 136 – Sheriff Coroner in the amount of \$55,000 from the Trial Court Security Growth Special Account (Government Code 30029) as the financing source and increase Other Charges appropriation by \$55,000 as the financing uses to purchase the transportation van and;
2. Amend the fixed asset list for the Sheriff's Office to include the van in the amount of \$55,000 by a 4/5 vote.

## **DISCUSSION**

The role of the Sheriff's Office Transportation Unit is to safely and securely transport inmates to court from the County Jail for their court appearances. In order to ensure this is done in a safe manner, the transportation team separates different classification types of inmates. Some examples of the different classifications include, male and female inmates, inmates prone to violence, inmates who require protective custody from others, and inmates who have serious medical or mental health problems.

In 2010, the Sheriff's Office Transportation Unit transported 13,732 inmates to Court. In the five years since its implementation, we have averaged transporting 16,508 inmates to Court, a 23% increase. In an effort to be more efficient with the number of transportation needs, we added a second larger 19 seat capacity vehicle during a vehicle replacement cycle. In doing so we reduced the transportation fleet from six vehicles to five. This larger vehicle has worked well for transporting larger groups of general population inmates.

Assembly Bill 109 which was implemented in 2011, transferred the responsibility of housing inmates that were in State Prison for non-sex, non-violent, and non-serious charges to the County Jails. Proposition 47 which was implemented in 2014, reclassified many drug possession charges and theft charges from felonies to misdemeanors. Both AB 109 and Prop 47 created major impacts on the type and the higher level of sophistication of the inmates now housed at the County Jails. These changes also impacted transportation services due to the growing number of inmates prone to violence, inmates in protective custody, and inmates with significant mental health issues. This has caused us to reassess our transportation vehicle needs.

We have identified the need to add a smaller 12 passenger van specifically designed for separating and transporting these protective custody inmates more efficiently. To maintain the separation of differently classified inmates for safety purposes and to ensure that a van designed to transport 12 inmates is being utilized to its capacity, it will be outfitted with

a triple compartment insert in place of the traditional bench seating. This seating arrangement is made to compartmentalize the inside of the van into three separate areas, providing a physical barrier that is needed to allow for 12 inmates of different classifications to be transported together securely and safely.

The insert is constructed primarily of aluminum and a durable powder coat finish. This allows for easy cleaning capability and improved visibility within the insert. Unlike inserts that are built with heavier materials, which will wear down brakes and lower gas mileage, this insert utilizes a lighter weight and structurally-engineered aluminum design for maximum security and for minimum stress on the van chassis.

Because the new insert is bolted, not welded, into the van, the high-quality construction and lasting durability of the insert often outlasts the service life of the vehicles. This allows the Sheriff's Office to reduce costs by easily transferring the insert into a new compatible van.

#### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

The Sheriff's Office has consulted with County Fleet Services for price quotes and annual costs.

#### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The purchase for the Transportation Van is being funded from the Trial Court Security Growth Special Account (Government Code 30029). The funding for this account is part of the State of California's Trial Court Security Accounts of June 30, 2016, the balance in the account was \$236,561. This fund receives an average annual deposit of \$88,490 towards the end of each calendar year.

The maintenance and fuel costs associated with the van is estimated at \$ 15,200 per year will be absorbed in the Sheriff's budget this year, but will be included in future year budgets. The addition of the van will not require additional staff to operate it. Because cost associated with Court Security is fully reimbursed by the State of California, there will be no impact to the General Fund.

#### **RESULTS**

The purchase of this Transportation Van with separated insert will allow us to transport the higher level of inmates we are now seeing, more safely and securely, which allows the Sheriff's Office to contribute to the County's community-wide goals of a Safe Community: "The County will strive to create a community where all people-adults and children alike-have a sense of security and well-being, crime is controlled, fire and rescue response is timely, and roads are safe."—